(d) There is a statement once again, served persuant to the Civil Evidence Act 1968 from Mr. Majumdar's Secretary at the time saying that the letter was sent by fax that he personally delivered to an employee of Gold Rock who happened to be at STC on 21st May.....I do not regard the proving the authenticity of the document for reasons given by Brandon J in the Ferdinand Retz. Lav. Which I have already mentioned. (para 14, lines 25 to 29).

Toklai Tea Research Centre, Jorhat

5192. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to improve the Toklai Tea Research Centre at Jorhat;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the research work in this premier organisation;

(c) whether Government propose to hand it over to ICAR in the near future?

(d) what steps have been taken for improving the conditions of workers; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide help to the small tea producers in Assam with it latest discoveries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government has sanctioned five Research Schemes under the 9th Plan for Toklai Tea Research Centre at Jorhat in addition to providing grants-in-aid on regular basis.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Steps taken for improving the conditions of the workers include implementation of the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission as well as the Recruitment & Promotion Rules as followed by CSIR etc.

(e) Tea Research Association is extending benfits of its research activities to small tea growers of Assam who are its members.

Industries Set up and Closed Down

5193. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of newly set up and closed down industries during the last three years, till date, State-wise particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa.

(b) the reasons therefor and the extent to which Government policies have been responsible for close of these industries, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(c) the number of employees rendered jobless due to closure of these industries indicating the alternative steps taken for revival thereof till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) (a) to (c) 205 Industrial Licenses have been granted and 1207 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) have been implemented during the last three years i.e., from 1997 to 1999. Closure of 441 industrial units has been reported from 1997 to 1999. State-wise details are given in Statements-I and II (*See* below) As a result of closure of 441 industrial units 38,577 workers have been affected. In Rajasthan one industrial licence has been granted and 87 IEMs have been implemented during the years 1997 to 1999. In Orissa, 5 IEMs have been implemented during the year 1997 to 1999. During this period, the number of closures of industrial establishments covered under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 has been 11 and 21 in Rajasthan and Orissa respectively.

Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour collects information on closure and reasons therefor. According to the Bureau, the main reasons for closing down of industries were financial stringency, shortage of power, lack of demand for products, shortage of raw material and break-down of machinery.

The Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units which inter-alia, include, guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act. etc.

STATEMENT I

State-wise Details of Industrial Established During 1997—1999

Name of the state	CIL/ILs granted	IEMs Implemented
Andhra Pradesh	24	99
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
Assam	0	8
Bihar	4	11
Goa	1	15
Gujarat	16	258
Haryana	11	81
Himachal Pradesh	0	7
Jammu & Kashmir	0	4
Karnataka	10	34
Kerala	4	24
Madhya Pradesh	5	83
Maharashtra	27	159
Manipur	0	0
Meghalaya	0	1
Mizoram	0	0
Nagaland	0	0
Orissa	0	5
Punjab	13	53
Rajasthan	1	87
Sikkim	0	0
Tripura	0	0
Tamil Nadu	57	68
Uttar Pradesh	23	96
West Bengal	4	66
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
Chandigarh	0	2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	19
Delhi	0	2
Daman & Diu	1	19
Lakshadweep	0	0
Podicherry	2	6
More than One State	1	0
TOTAL	205	1207

Statement II

State-wise Number of Closures During 1997 to 1999

Name of the State/U.T.	1997(P)	1998(P)	1999(P)	Total
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	2	3
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—
Assam	—	—	1	1
Bihar	2	4	3	9
Goa	2	2	4	8
Gujarat	21	34	11	66
Haryana	—	2	—	2
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—	—
Karnataka	2	3	3	8
Kerala	3	—	6	9
Madhya Pradesh	2	4	3	9
Maharashtra	7	1	—	8
Manipur	—	—	—	—
Meghalaya	—	—	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	—	—
Nagaland	—	—	—	—
Orissa	4	13	4	21
Punjab	1	1	51	53
Rajasthan	8	1	2	11
Sikkim	—	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu	2	7	1	10
Tripura	55	42	15	112
Uttar Pradesh	22	38	3	63
West Bengal	—	—	—	—
Andaman & Nicobar	—	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	—	3	3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—
Delhi	2	2	—	4
Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—
Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—
Podicherry	20	21	—	41
GRAND TOTAL	154	175	112	441

(P)—Provisional

SOURCE: Labour Bureau, Shimla